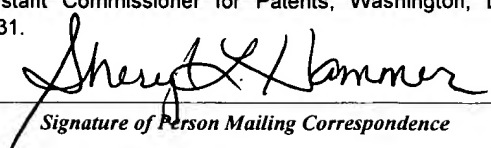


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<b>AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER (Small Entity)</b>				<b>Docket No.</b> MED-02702/29	
Applicant(s): Masini					
Serial No. 09/523,503	Filing Date March 10, 2000	Examiner E. Robert	Group Art Unit 3732		
Invention: <b>OPTIMIZING SCAPULAR FEMORAL MECHANICS THROUGH ALTERNATIVE DEPTH</b> REFERENCING					
<b>TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:</b>					
Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Small Entity status of this application has been established under 37 CFR 1.27 by a verified statement previously submitted. <input type="checkbox"/> A verified statement to establish Small Entity status under 37 FR 1.27 is enclosed. The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.					
<b>CLAIMS AS AMENDED</b>					
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Multiple Dependent Claims (check if applicable) <input type="checkbox"/>					\$0.00
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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 24, 2001, please amend the above-referenced  
application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

*Please replace current claim 12 with the following:*

12. (Amended) Apparatus for resecting a distal femur having prominent and non-prominent  
condyles separated by a trochlear region, comprising:

a fixture including a movable member which references one of a non-prominent condyle or  
trochlear region; and

a cutting guide to resect the femur in accordance with the reference made using the fixture.

*[Please replace current claim 13 with the following:]*

13. (Amended) The apparatus of claim 12, wherein the fixture further includes:

an intramedullary rod; and